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STATE OPS CENTER FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO DAVID GOMPERT  
FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP-IV (TAKE THREE OF THREE)

PARIS:

FRENCH TV LAST NIGHT SHOWED A SHORT FILM OF PRESIDENT SADAT AND  
SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING THEIR TALKS IN CAIRO WITH SADAT QUOTED  
AS BEING "VERY SATISFIED" OVER THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING.

THE SECOND NETWORK AIRED FOOTAGE OF THE SYRIAN ARMY TRAINING IN  
DAMASCUS BECAUSE OF "THE THREAT OF IMMINENT WAR WITH ISRAEL."

A BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT FOR MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE /FIGARO/ OF  
PARIS REASONED THAT THE MAJOR "OBSTACLE TO BE REMOVED" IS THE  
POSSIBILITY OF SYRIAN "OBSTRUCTION TO A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT" AND  
ANOTHER IMPEDIMENT IS THAT "THE U.S. IS NOT READY TO MAKE THE  
STEP OF RECOGNIZING THE PLO."

A JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT FOR INDEPENDENT LEFT /LE MONDE/  
WROTE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD STRIVEN TO REASSURE ISRAELI PUBLIC  
OPINION ABOUT HIS PERSONAL ATTITUDE AND "REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HIS  
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COUNTRY DOES NOT INTEND TO RECOGNIZE THE PLO, EVEN LESS TO

CONSIDER IT A VALID NEGOTIATOR... ALL THESE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STATEMENTS, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE OF EUPHORIA. THE ISRAELIS REMAIN DISTRUSTFUL AND CONSIDER THAT ANY MODIFICATION IN THE SETUP AT SINAI CAN TAKE PLACE ONLY IN EXCHANGE FOR AN EGYPTIAN COMMITMENT NOT TO CHALLENGE THAT MODIFICATION DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS."

INTELLECTUAL LEFT /LE QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS/ SUGGESTED THAT "KISSINGER MIGHT OFFER ISRAEL A GUARANTEE OF OIL SUPPLIES IN EXCHANGE FOR THE NEW WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI..." IF JERUSALEM WERE TO AGREE TO SUCH A WITHDRAWAL, ONLY IRAN AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION COULD "MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH OIL. THIS IS PROBABLY

WHY HENRY KISSINGER SUDDENLY DECIDED TO MEET WITH...THE SHAH NEXT TUESDAY IN ZURICH...TO FINALLY DISPEL ISRAELI ANXIETIES, THE SECRETARY MIGHT PROMISE THAT THE U.S. WILL SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH OIL IN PLACE OF IRAN, IF NECESSARY."

ROME:

A CORRESPONDENT IN CAIRO FOR INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE /CORRIERE DELLA SERA/ OF MILAN EMPHASIZED "EGYPTIAN FLEXIBILITY" AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S "CONFERENCE" BUT WARNED, "TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS CONFERENCE IS BASED UPON, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT STAGES OF HIS MISSION."

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR EMANUELE BONFIGLIO FOR CONSERVATIVE /EL TEMPO/ APPROVED THE SECRETARY'S STEP-BY-STEP STRATEGY BUT DEEMED THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS OFFERED NO HOPE OF ULTIMATELY POSITIVE RESULTS. "THE SOVIETS," HE SAID, "ARE INTERESTED IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO PREVENT NEGOTIATIONS FROM CONTINUING IN U.S. HANDS. THEY ALSO WANT TO AVOID ANY SOLUTION THAT MIGHT REMOVE EGYPT FROM THEIR POLITICAL INFLUENCE."

TOKYO:

THE KISSINGER MIDDLE EAST TRIP CONTINUED TO RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE NEWSPLAY IN JAPANESE MEDIA TODAY. FOUR MAJOR TELEVISION NETWORKS REPORTED ON THE KISSINGER-SADAT MEETING AND SAID THAT "PROGRESS" WAS MADE AT THIS MEETING.

INDEPENDENT MODERATE /YOMIURI/ CONTENDED THAT "THE EGYPTIAN SIDE IS TAKING A STRONG STAND BY REFUSING TO DECLARE AN END OF THE STATE OF WAR WITH ISRAEL IN RETURN FROM THE SECOND WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM THE SINAI AND CALLING ON ISRAEL TO CLARIFY ITS WITHDRAWAL TIMETABLE FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND THE JORDAN FRONTS."

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NEW DELHI:

TODAY'S INDEPENDENT, HINGI-LANGUAGE /HINDUSTAN/ OF NEW DELHI CAUTIONED: "EVEN IF THERE IS SOME AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, MANY OTHER PROBLEMS WILL REMAIN TO BE SOLVED. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE PEACE TALKS THAT THE PLO SHOULD HAVE STRONG CONTROL OF THE TERRORISTS..."

DACCA:

THE "BANGLADESH OBSERVER/ TODAY NOTED "HOPEFUL PROGRESS" FOR

THE SECRETARY'S MISSION IN THE DIRECTION OF AN INTERIM PEACE PACT. THE PAPER NOTED THAT THE "FORD ADMINISTRATION IS ALREADY IN THE DOLDRUMS" AND, THEREFORE, "KISSINGER NOW HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SUCCEED IN THE MIDDLE EAST...PERHAPS THE BRILLIANT SECRETARY STILL HAS THE CAPACITY TO PULL OF THE NEEDED RESULT..."

/BANGLAR BANI/ OF DACCA EMPHASIZED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS EXPLORING "PATHS OF UNDERSTANDING INSTEAD OF USING THE LANGUAGE OF THREATS." (END TAKE THREE) (END ALL) UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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